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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/782,591	Applicant(s) DIETZ, THOMAS	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-12 and 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6, 10-12, and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Aeby et al, US 6,696,052.

Aeby et al teach hair care compositions comprising 4% paraffin oil, 2% isopropyl myristate nonionic surfactant, 1.5% diquatarnary ammonium silicone polymer, 1% silicone emulsion, and the balance water (col. 9, example B). The compositions may be dispensed from spray devices which may be mechanically pressurized (col. 8, lines 2-22). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

With respect to the claims being drawn to a cleaning and polishing composition, the examiner maintains that cleaning and polishing is merely the ultimate intended use of the composition. If the present claims are deemed patentable, applicants could use the present composition for any purpose, not just as a polish. It is well established that the mere recital of a different intended use in a claim does not distinguish the claim over a composition containing the same ingredients in the same proportions for a different purpose in the prior art. See *In re Zierden*, 162 USPQ 102 (CCPA 1969). Claims in a patent application cannot be held to involve invention if the composition defined in such claims is not novel, and patents for old compositions of matter based on new use of such compositions without change therein may not lend patentability to claims. See *In re Thuau* 30 C.C.P.A. 979, 135 F.2d 344, 57 USPQ 324. Though intended use recitations and other types of functional language cannot be entirely disregarded, in composition claims, intended use must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention (see MPEP 2111.02). Finally, it is well established that applicants may not rely upon the preamble to distinguish their claimed composition from that of the prior art because the preamble does not constitute a limitation of a claim when it states a purpose or intended use (see *Loctite Corp. V. Ultraseal Ltd.*, 781 F.2d 861, 868, 228 USPQ 90, 94 (Fed. Cir. 1985)).


Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7-9 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles I. Boyer whose telephone number is 571 272 1311. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571 272 1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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